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**Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 11-22, as follows:**

The CPU [[11]] 101 controls the entire terminal apparatus 10 and performs various operations, in accordance with the program activated. For example, the CPU [[11]] 101 carries out the communication via the network 30, receives and gives data from and to the user, reproduces and clips contents from recording media, stores contents into the HDD [[21]] 105, manages the contents stored in the HDD [[21]] 105, and retrieves information via the network 30 in accordance with clip information or the like. The terminal apparatus 10 of the present embodiment can record and play back the audio content data and moving-picture content data. The CPU [[11]] 101 exchanges control signals and data with the other circuits through the bus [[12]] 102.

**Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 23-29, as follows:**

The ROM (Read Only Memory) [[13]] 103 stores the application programs that the CPU [[11]] 101 should execute. It stores a program loader, various operation coefficients, parameters for use in executing the programs, and the like. The RAM (Random Access Memory) [[20]] 104 may store the programs the CPU [[11]] 101 should execute. The RAM [[20]] 104 can be used as a data region and a task region, which the CPU [[11]] 101 needs when it executes various processes.

**Please amend the paragraph at page 15, lines 1-10, as follows:**

The input unit [[15]] 107 has operation keys and various input devices, which are provided on the housing of the terminal apparatus 10. The input devices include a jog dial and a touch panel. The input unit [[15]] 107 may have a keyboard and a mouse, which serve as GUIs (Graphical User Interfaces). The information input at the input unit [[15]] 107 is

supplied to the input-processing unit [[14]] 106. The unit [[14]] 106 performs a specific

process on the information, generating an operation command. The command is supplied to

the CPU [[11]] 101. In response to the operation command, the CPU [[11]] 101 carries out an

operation or a control.

**Please amend the paragraph at page 15, lines 11-21, as follows:**

The display device [[17]] 17a is, for example, a liquid crystal display and displays

various kinds of information. When the CPU [[11]] 101 supplies displayed information to

the display-processing unit [[16]] 108 in accordance with various operating states, input

states and communications states. The display-processing unit [[16]] 108 drives the display

device [[17]] 17a on the basis of the displayed information to execute display operation. The

display device [[17]] 17a displays, for example, the contents of the related information

distributed from the servers or the contents of the clip information. If any musical piece is

retrieved via the network 30, the display device [[17]] 17a will display the result of the

retrieval.

**Please amend the paragraph at page 15, line 22 to page 16, line 3, as follows:**

The media drives [[19a]] 109a and [[19b]] 109b can record and reproduce contents,

such as musical pieces, on and from a portable recording medium. (They can only reproduce

contents from a recording medium, depending upon the type of the medium.) The media

drives [[19a]] 109a and [[19b]] 109b can record and reproduce data on and from different

types of recording media, not on and from the same type of a recording medium. In other

words, the media drives [[19a]] 109a and [[19b]] 109b can record and reproduce on and from

a plurality of recording medium. For instance, the media drive [[19a]] 109a reproduces data

from CDs and DVDs, while the media drive [[19b]] 109b records and reproduces data on and from MDs.

**Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 4-9, as follows:**

The portable media in which contents such as musical pieces are recorded are not limited to optical recording media such as CDs, DVDs, MDs and the like. Rather, the media drives [[19a]] 109a and [[19b]] 109b can store contents in, for example, semiconductor memories such as flash memories. In this case, a flash memory reader/writer is connected to the bus [[12]] 102.

**Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 10-20, as follows:**

The user may insert a recording medium in which arbitrary contents are recorded (e.g., CD, DVD, MD, or the like) into the media drive [[19a]] 109a or [[19b]] 109b and operates the remote controller 40. Then, the user can enjoy listening to musical pieces or the like. Assume that the user operates the remote controller 40, instructing that the media drive [[19a]] 109a should reproduce the contents of the recording medium. Then, the CPU [[11]] 101 instructs the media drive [[19a]] 109a to reproduce the contents. Thus, the media drive [[19a]] 109a accesses the contents designated from the inserted recording medium and reads a designated musical piece or pieces from the medium.

**Please amend the paragraph at page 16, line 21 to page 17, line 1, as follows:**

The contents thus read may be audio contents. In this case, the CPU [[11]] 101 first decodes, if necessary, the audio contents and then transfers the contents to the audio-information-processing unit [[24]] 121. The audio-information-processing unit [[24]] 121 performs sound-field process such as equalizing, sound-volume adjustment, D/A

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conversion, amplification and the like on the audio contents. The audio contents, thus

processed, are output from the speaker unit [[25]] 120. The speaker unit [[25]] 120

comprises the speakers 25a and 25b that are shown in FIG. 3. Thus, the speaker unit [[25]]

120 can output stereophonic sound.


**Please amend the paragraph at page 17, lined 2-12, as follows:**

The CPU [[11]] 101 can make the HDD [[21]] 105 accumulate the contents

reproduced by the media drives [[19a]] 109a and [[19b]] 109b, in the form of an audio-data

file. The audio-data file can assume various formats. It may take the CD format. If this is

the case, the contents are digital audio data obtained through 16-bit quantization at the

sampling frequency of 44.1 KHz. Alternatively, the audio-data file may take the

compressed-data format in order to save the storage capacity of the HDD [[21]] 105. In this

case, the data-compressing scheme is not limited to a particular one. ATRAC (Advanced

Transform Acoustic Coding, trademark), MP3 (MPEG Audio Layer-3), or the like can be

employed.


**Please amend the paragraph at page 17, lines 13-20, as follows:**

The tuner unit [[27]] 11b is, for example, an AM-FM radio tuner. When controlled by

the CPU [[11]] 101, the tuner unit [[27]] 11b demodulates the broadcast signal that the

antenna [[26]] 11a has received. Needless to say, the tuner unit [[27]] 11b can be a television

tuner, a broadcast-satellite tuner, or a digital-broadcast tuner. The broadcast signal thus

demodulated undergoes a specific process in the audio-information-processing unit [[24]]

121. The broadcast signal is output from the speaker unit [[25]] 120 as broadcast.

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, line 21 to page 18, line 3, as follows:

When controlled by the CPU [[11]] 101, the communications process unit [[22]] 161

encodes the data to be transmitted and decodes the data received. The network interface

[[23]] 102 transmits the data encoded by the communications process unit [[22]] 161 to

predetermined external apparatuses via the network 30. The network interface [[23]] 102

also transmits signals transmitted from the external apparatuses via the network 30 to the

communications process unit [[22]] 161. The communications process unit 22 transfers the

information it has received, to the CPU [[11]] 101. The information received through the

network 30 includes, for example, the information related to the FM programs being

broadcast and the titles of the musical pieces contained in a CD or the like.

Please amend the paragraph at page 18, lines 4-11, as follows:

The infrared-ray communications unit [[28]] 181 achieves wireless communications,

such as infrared-ray communications, with the remote controller 40. The infrared-ray

communications unit [[28]] 181 performs a particular process on the signal sent from the

remote controller 40, generating an operation command. This command is supplied to the

CPU [[11]] 101. In response to the operation command, the CPU [[11]] 101 performs an

operation or a control so that the apparatus 10 may operate.

Please amend the paragraph at page 18, lines 12-29, as follows:

The configuration of the terminal apparatus 10 is not limited to the one illustrated in

FIG. 4. The apparatus 10 can have various configurations. For example, the apparatus 10

may have an interface that accomplishes communication with the peripheral apparatuses.

The interface may be an USB (Universal Serial Bus), an IEEE 1394, a Bluetooth, or the like.

In the terminal apparatus 10, the HDD [[21]] 105 can store the contents of the audio data

downloaded by the network interface [[23]] 102 via the network 30, and the contents of the

audio data transferred through the interface such as the USB, IEEE 1394 or the like. The

terminal apparatus 10 may have a terminal for connecting a microphone or an external

headphone, a video-output terminal for use in reproducing data from a DVD, a line-

connecting terminal, a terminal for transferring optical digital data, and the like. Further, the

terminal apparatus 10 may have a PCMCIA slot, memory-card slots, and the like. Hence, the

terminal apparatus 10 can exchange data with external information-processing apparatuses

and audio apparatuses.